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Idaho Cleanup Project Successfully Starts Tank Farm Grouting

Three tanks that once stored high level radioactive waste at the Idaho National Laboratory Site have been emptied, cleaned and filled with grout, to ensure the long-term safety of the aquifer.

The three 30,000 gallon tanks were grouted Nov. 20-22 at the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center (INTEC) Tank Farm facility. Several additional tanks will be grouted by next summer, with the remaining of the tank farm closure targeted for December 2012.

“Grouting activities went as planned without any incidents or injuries,” stated Keith Quigley, the tank farm closure project manager. “We will now take the lessons we learned and incorporate them into our planning so when we begin grouting again, we believe the operations will go even smoother.”

Approximately 464 cubic yards of a specific mixture of cement, fly ash, sand and water were used to grout the tanks. Four concrete trucks delivered 44 loads from the INTEC batch plant to the tank farm on an ongoing rotational process. When one truck completed delivery, another truck was waiting.

The batch plant is being shut down for the winter. Operations will resume in the spring or sooner if weather conditions permit.

The Idaho Cleanup Project is managed by CH2M-WG Idaho, LLC for the U.S. Department of Energy. CH2M-WG Idaho, LLC is a partnership of Denver-based CH2M-Hill and Boise-based Washington Group International. For more information on the Idaho Cleanup Project, visit us on the web at **idahocleanupproject.com**.

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Grouting begins

The first tanks were grouted inside the INTEC Tank Farm facility Nov. 20-22. First to be filled were three of the four 30,000 gallon tanks.

